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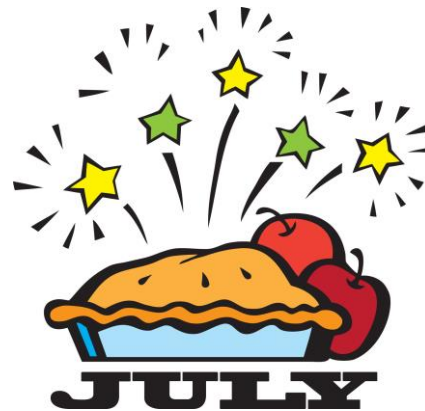
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"Diverse in Background, United in Faith"

Dear Friends,

The saying goes that, in a social setting, you should never bring up religion or politics. If you've been reading the news lately, however, it's clear that the intersection of religion and politics is unavoidable these days. To be fair, Jesus never shied from political conversations: he discussed taxes (Matt. 22:21), personal wealth (Luke 18:22), marriage and divorce (Matt. 19, 22), violence (John 18:10, Matt. 10:34), and capital punishment (John 8:7) – just to name a few. Try bringing any of *those* up at your next summer picnic!

Our faith necessarily shapes how we approach the events of our world. While it is admittedly not the best small talk, as a religious people we should approach politics with passion and faith. We do not always have to agree with each other, nor should we avoid topics of the day. The number of political and social events that have been dominating our headlines this summer are opportunities for us to dig deeper into who Jesus would have us be in the midst of a changing world.

I challenge you to watch the news prayerfully, to read the paper with forgiveness, to check Facebook with a sense of the Holy. Talk to people with whom you disagree, practice patience and love, and believe in the good news of the gospel. Belief does not separate us from the world, but prepares us to engage our world with the peace of Christ. See where God takes you next!

Blessings,

Elizabeth





Trinity sends its deepest sympathy and love to our pastor, Elizabeth Strobel, and her family upon the loss of her grandfather, John Baker.

Trinity also sends its love and sympathy to Sylvia Livingston and her family following the death of her sister.

Trinity also sends its love and sympathy to John Sloan and his family upon the death of his dear brother.

Women's Circle



From the Women's Morning Circle:

Thank you, Trinity, for saving the Best Choice Bar Codes

for us. We have already collected 1402 for 2015. Please keep saving!



Musicians Needed

As the choir takes a much-deserved Sabbath from weekly anthems this summer, all musicians of the church are invited to offer solo or small group pieces for special music in worship. If you feel the Spirit moving you to serve in such a way, please call Jack Palmer at 728-6646.



In Our Prayers

This list of members at Trinity has been organized for the purpose of being lifted up in prayer during the week. We look forward to God's blessings as we pray for one another. During the month please pray for these:

June 5: Matt & James Seward & James Seward

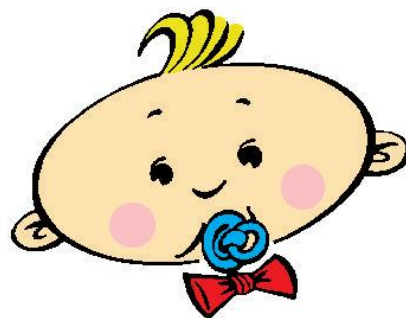
Mary Zoe Shelley
Rick & Mari Shineman

July 12: Richard Shineman
Steven, Kristina, & Aubrey Jo Shineman & Austin Sinclair
Erick, Bridget, & Zoey Lynn Shireman

July 19: Dani Sloan
John & Mary Sloan
Rob, Julie, & Peyton Sloan

July 26: Bob & Susan Sorensen
Bret Sorensen
Katie Sorensen

CORRECTION...



Congratulations to John & Mary Sloan upon the birth of a **great** grandson, Vincent **Wayne** Dodd. Vincent was born May 11 and weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and measured 20 inches.



For July and August, the church office will be open from 8:30am – 1:00pm on Tuesday – Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays.



Meeting Dates

July 12	11:30 a.m.
July 26	11:30 a.m.



July 20	Rich & Donna White
31	Kyle Palmer & Jenna Zakrajsek



Taco Bar

Sunday, July 26, following church

Please bring a side dish to share!



July 1	Barbara Burnett
3	Sally Burns
7	Margaret Edwards
9	Mary Williams
10	Becky Layman
13	Claire Ann Sprick
19	Bonnie Piper
21	Bob Sorensen
26	Sylvia Livingston



Remember Our Homebound Members

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35).

As your family makes plans for this summer, consider scheduling a visit to one or more of our homebound members! Many of our members who are homebound would love to receive a card or brief visit from other Trinity folks. Please contact the church office for our homebound list, which is filled with opportunities for visitation!

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STRAWBERRY
FESTIVAL



The Strawberry Festival was very successful, thanks to all of those who helped. \$1,000.60 was raised for a new refrigerator. We want to thank each one of you; we couldn't have done it without you!

-Jan Privett

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS



We welcomed several international visitors in June, including our friend Ivana Adamkova from the Czech Republic and two exchange students from France staying with Trinity Families. On June 22, we hosted an early Independence Day Picnic (indoors due to the heat) for a fun get together and an American cultural experience for our visitors! On June 23, Ivana shared some of her church and mission experiences with some of our Trinity Women!





*On the first Day of the Week
"The people came together . . .*

Worship Services:

June 7:	80
June 14	73
June 21	72
June 28	51

"and the people gave . . .

May 31	\$4,680.98
June 7	2,242.00
June 14	1,694.00
June 21	2,860.00
June 28	1,216.00
Total	\$ 12,692.98



Can you guess the church member who...

1. ...likes to ride bicycles?
2. ...works for the city of Independence?
3. ...favorite football team is the New England Patriots?

Answer is on the last page!

NEW STUDY BIBLES

In April the CE committee put a request out to the congregation to help purchase Study Bibles for use in Adult and Youth classes. We asked for help to purchase 20 Bibles and to date have received money to purchase 15 Bibles. This makes us 5 Bibles short of our goal. To refresh your memories the Bibles will cost \$24.99 and there is no charge for shipping. If you feel led to help us complete our goal please place your donation in the offering plate with the form below.



Checks can be made payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church with "Bible donation" noted in the memo space. Your name will appear on the inside bookplate as donor.

I would like to make a donation of \$ _____ to help purchase study Bibles for our classes.

Donor: _____



Teachers Wanted: Please be in prayerful consideration if you feel the call to teach. Sunday School will start up September 20, 2015 and conclude May 22, 2016. Contact Lucy Berry or Susan Matthews if you would like to lead a class. If you don't feel you can commit to the entire season but would like to teach we can work with you on that. There is always a need to substitute teachers to give our regular teachers a Sunday off.



ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR

150 years ago, on April 19, 1865, Reverend Phineas Densmore Gurley (1816-1868), Chaplain of the United States Senate and first pastor of the prestigious New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., delivered the funeral sermon for President Abraham Lincoln in the East Room of the White House. Many orations marked the occasion of Lincoln's death on April 14, 1865, but Gurley's "Faith in God" is among the most famous. The original manuscript sermon, handwritten by Gurley, is preserved at the Presbyterian Historical Society.

The Lincoln family attended services at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church for four years between 1861 and 1865. The pews they rented were located six rows from the pulpit, on the right center aisle. Reverend Gurley quickly became a friend and confidant of the Lincoln family. Desiring privacy during midweek prayer services, Abraham Lincoln arranged with Gurley to access his private study, where he could slip in through a side door and listen in on services. The President came to admire Gurley's rhetorical gifts as a preacher, and on occasion, Lincoln would call Gurley to

the White House, seeking his advice on matters as pivotal as the writing of the Emancipation Proclamation.

When Lincoln was shot at Ford's Theatre, Gurley was among the few summoned to the President's bedside, remaining with him until his death the following morning. Four days later, Gurley delivered "Faith in God" to six hundred guests at the President's funeral. The sermon takes its name from what Gurley described as Lincoln's "abiding confidence in God." He wrote: "Never shall I forget the emphatic and deep emotion with which he said, in this very room ... 'My hope and success in this struggle rests on that immutable foundation, the justness and goodness of God.'" The sermon also reveals how Lincoln's pastor viewed his place in history. Gurley writes that no man since George Washington was "so deeply and firmly enshrined in the very hearts of the people." Above all, he sought to bring meaning to Lincoln's death, stating: "Where reason fails, with all her powers, There faith prevails, and love adores."

Source: <http://www.history.pcusa.org/history-online/presbyterian-history/heritage-sunday>





I hope all the children are enjoying their summer break. Before you know it, school will be starting again. The Mission Committee will be collecting school supplies to be taken to Three Trails Elementary School. Below is a list of items needed. Please bring them by July 26 and place them on the table in the sanctuary. Any questions please call Jan Privett, 419-9405.

- Regular pencils
- Classic Washable Markers
- Package of multi-colored construction paper
- Crayons
- 8 oz. bottle of washable glue
- Scissors (blunt)
- Two-pocket folders
- 4 pack of dry erase markers
- Boxes of tissue
- School box
- Backpack
- Black or blue pens
- Package of colored pencils
- Large eraser
- Spiral notebooks
- Wide lined paper
- Glue stick



FREE TO A GOOD HOME!

The Martin Family is looking for a new home for an antique Cumberland Player Piano that came with their house. We hope to find someone that wants to restore or repurpose the piano - we just don't want it to end up in the dump! Please contact Stacia at 816-878-5176 with any questions.

A DOSE OF HUMOR



oops!


From a worship bulletin in Yuma, Arizona:

please sign up ...
 ...so we'll know how many people to
 prepare for the lunch.
 Deadline is July 15.

You might want to skip that meal — and the preparations!

Vacation Highlights












PUZZLE

UNDER THE SEA

This summer, consider God's marvelous creation under the sea.

Directions: Write the animal names on the blanks. Then use the circled letters (they may not be in the right order) to create a new word from Psalm 148:7, NIV. Finally, match the words to their numbered blanks below.

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PSALM 148:7, NIV

Answers: lobster > Lord, sea horse > earth, hermit crab > great, singray > praise, jellyfish > you, clownfish > from, sea star > creatures

Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures. Psalm 148:7, NIV

CALL ME CRAZY, BUT . . .

Call me crazy, but, I still believe that
 Jesus love me. This I know . . .

Call me crazy, but, I still believe that
 The B-I-B-L-E, Yes . . .

Call me crazy, but, I still believe, that
 What Can Wash Away My Sin? . . .

Call me crazy, but, I still believe that
 Jesus is the . . . [Sweetest Name I
 Know].

Call me crazy, but, I still believe that
 I've Got a Home in Gloryland That . .

Call me crazy, but, I still believe that
 I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy,
 [Where?] . . .

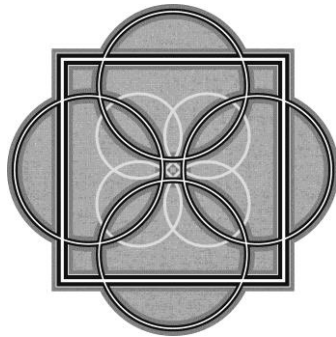
Call me crazy, but, I still believe that
 Because He Lives . . .

Call me crazy, but, I still believe that
 Be Not Dismayed What E're Betide. .

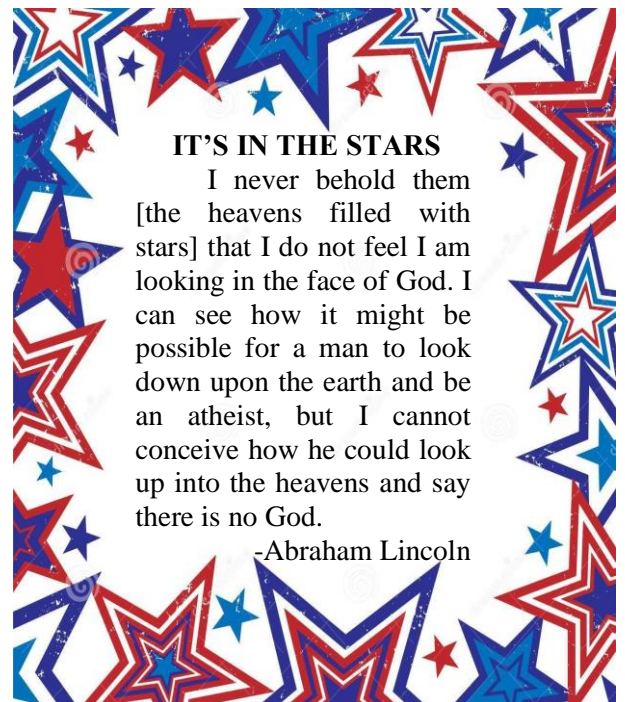
Call me crazy, but, I still believe that
 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less . .

Call me crazy, but, I still believe that
 Surely, the Presence of the Lord Is in
 This Place.

-Leonard Sweet



Quaterfoil – The word quaterfoil comes from the Latin for “four leaves.” A quaterfoil in art or architecture is the outline of four partially overlapping circles of the same diameter. In Christian tradition, it represents the writers of the four gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – which overlap one another partially but not entirely, and are equally important to our understanding of Jesus.



IT'S IN THE STARS

I never behold them [the heavens filled with stars] that I do not feel I am looking in the face of God. I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God.

-Abraham Lincoln



"SUNDAE" PARTY

Invite your Sunday school teacher(s) to a special thank-you celebration.

What you need to make a card:

- 8" x 11" cardstock (or blank cards)
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

1. Fold the cardstock like a card. On the outside, write "Thanks for being my teacher!"
2. On the inside, write a personal message and sign your name.

Celebration options:

- Buy a gift card from a local ice cream parlor and tape it inside the card.
- Invite your Sunday school class to bring all the makings for sundaes for your teacher(s).
- Invite your teacher to an ice cream parlor or to your house to enjoy sundaes together.



ANSWER

You guessed it! The answer is
John Chapman!



If you have an insert or item for the News Sheet on Sunday, please get it to the office **no later than the previous Wednesday morning.** Usually,

the "newsy" portions of our bulletin are printed Wednesday afternoon so that we can turn our full attention to the order of worship on Thursday and Friday. Your cooperation is much appreciated – thank you!



All submissions for
the August Bridge are
due on

Friday
July 24, 2015